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19.	Punjab	6570.00	6286.44 (4,786.30)	95.68 (72.85)
20.	Rajasthan	11500.00	12038.65 (8,983.79)	104.68 (78.12)
21.	Sikkim	550.00	708.86 (534.87)	128.88 (97.25)
22.	Tamil Nadu	10200.00	14015.91 (10,558.47)	137.41 (103.51)
23.	Tripura	1130.00	1353.77 (1,027.12)	119.80 (90.90)
24.	Uttar Pradesh	21000.00	20001.05 (15,208.93)	95.24 (72.42)
25.	West Bengal	9760.00	8241.98 (6,137.84)	84.45 (62.89)
Total (States)		175485.00	185083.01 (139,818.11)	105.47 (79.68)

Figures in brackets are on the basis of 1991-92 prices.

*Actual Expenditure for 1992-93 to 1995-96 and Revised Estimates for 1996-97.

[English]

Linking of Canals with Irrigation Projects

3204. SHRI D.S. AHIRE :
SHRI MADAV RAO PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Medium Irrigation Projects in the country, particularly in Maharashtra have not been linked with canals and several canals remain incomplete;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a great demand from the people of Command Area for early completion of the canals and link them with irrigation projects; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to link these canals with irrigation projects expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (d) Generally it is observed that head works i.e. dam/barrage of irrigation projects in the country are completed while the construction of canal system get delayed. People living in the Command Area of irrigation projects always demand the early completion of the canal system. However, irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects including canal works are being executed by the State Governments out of their resources as per their own priority.

Water Logging in Orissa

3205. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of water logging has increased in Orissa;

(b) if so, the effective steps taken by the Government to remedy the water logging problem;

(c) whether the Union government propose to provide more funds to the State Government for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated to the State for this purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) The State Government of Orissa have reported that the incidence of waterlogging has increased with the development of irrigation potential in the State.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Government to remedy the waterlogging problem;

A part of the command of Mahanadi has been covered under Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project which has been sanctioned during the VIII Plan. The activities under the project include rehabilitation and modernisation of existing projects, improving system deficiencies by on farm development works, lining of canals, repairs of off take points, cross regulators, etc. These activities result in improved water management and thus check the problem of waterlogging.

Under Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme which is in operation in Orissa covering 10 projects, activities like construction of field channels and field drains, land leveling and shaping, enforcement of warabandi, promotion of conjunctive use of surface and ground water, introduction of suitable cropping pattern, controlled irrigation at the farm level help in checking waterlogging. The propagate scientific techniques of irrigation among farmers to check waterlogging, adaptive trails, demonstrations and training have also been taken up under the Programme. Further, reclamation of waterlogged areas under irrigation commands has been included under the Programme with effect from 1.4.1996 for which Central assistance to the extent of 50% is admissible.

(c) to (e) Funds to the States are provided by the Central Government as per the financing pattern under the programme on the basis of the extent of work done by the State Government. Orissa Government has sent six schemes with a total area of 409.54 ha to the Ministry of Water Resources for reclamation of waterlogged areas which have already been cleared in principle. However, the State Government have reported to have made the

following allocation under the State Sector for tackling such problems areas during the last three years.

1995-96	Rs. 175.62 lakh
1996-97	Rs. 606.00 lakh
1997-98	Rs. 460.00 lakh
Total	Rs. 1241.62 lakh

Indian Food Market

3206. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the German agricultural sector and agri-tool makers are eyeing on the large Indian food market in which they see great potential for increasing bilateral trade;

(b) if so, whether agricultural delegation from Germany visited India during March, 1998;

(c) if so, the details of the main discussions held;

(d) whether any concrete agreement has been signed between India and Germany; and

(e) if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (c) A delegation from Germany led by Dr. Franz-Josef Felter, State Secretary in German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry visited India from 23rd to 28th March, 1998. The emphasis of the visit was on the possibilities of collaboration in the areas of agriculture and agro-industries. During the visit, the delegation held meetings with the Ministry of Agriculture and other organisations including the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

During the meeting with the Ministry of Agriculture, both the sides underlined the positive developments in bilateral economic relations between the two countries and their interest in further intensification of cooperation. It was also proposed to develop a general Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between the two countries in the field of agriculture namely, export of grapes, pomegranates, cut flowers, reduction of post-harvest losses, fisheries, agricultural engineering, animal sciences, cooperatives etc. It was also agreed to explore the possibility of creating a separate Indo-German Working Group for cooperation in the field of agriculture within the